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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN FONMIN TO VISIT BERLIN

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1. DURING REGULAR MEETING WITH ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS ON AUG 5, SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FONMIN MULLER WILL COME TO BERLIN IN MID-SEPT AS PART OF VISIT TO FRG.

2. HERZ REACTED NEGATIVELY WHEN BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER ASKED WHETHER MULLER WOULD RECEIVE "DOUBLE INVITATION" AS IN CASE OF ISRAELI PRIMIN RABIN (I.E., INVITED TO VISIT BERLIN BY BOTH FRG AND BERLIN SENAT). HERZ ASKED IF ALLIES THOUGHT THIS NOW STANDARD PRACTICE.

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3. IF MULLER DOES VISIT BERLIN, IT IS LIKELY THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROTEST IT AS VIOLATION OF QA (AS THEY DID ON RABIN VISIT). WE WOULD OF COURSE, REPLY THAT SUCH VISITS NORMAL AND HAVE NO AFFECT ON QA PROVISIONS RELATING TO NON-GOVERNANCE OF BERLIN BY BONN.

4. BRITISH QUERY ON "DOUBLE INVITATION" WITH ITS ECHO OF BONN GROUP DISCUSSION REFTEL OF INVITATION PROCEDURES RELEVANT TO MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, STRIKES US AS POTENTIALLY CONFUSING. WE FIND NOTHING IN QA THAT REQUIRES SENAT EITHER TO ISSUE ITSELF OF TO JOIN WITH FRG IN ISSUING INVITATIONS TO VISITING DIGNITARIES. ANNEX IV OF QA COVERS ONLY "MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS WELL AS EXHIBITIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION." WE WOULD NOT THINK IT DESIRABLE TO SUGGEST THAT ALLIES WISH TO ADD NEW REQUIREMENT TO THOSE CONTAINED IN QA AND WOULD PROPOSE TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER INQUIRIES ALONG THIS LINE IN CONNECTION WITH VISITS BY DIGNITARIES. HERZ DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT SENAT INTENDS TO FOLLOW "DOUBLE INVITATION" PROCEDURE FOR VISITS BY NON-WESTERN DIGNITARIES INCLUDING REPS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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